

Conversation between Mr. Maury and Carl Marcy, Senate Foreign Relations Staff
22 May 1969

Mr. Maury: We appreciate your sending this draft and want to be helpful but we have problems with it. We have read it carefully and as you know all the Director's testimony before any committee has been in executive session and on a Top Secret level.

Mr. Marcy: That is right.

Mr. Maury: It is obvious that the main theme of this draft is derived from the Director's testimony.

Mr. Marcy: That is right.

Mr. Maury: We do not see how this can be revised in a manner suitable for publication. Therefore, I'm afraid we cannot be responsive on this request.

Mr. Marcy: So what you are saying is that the Dulles quotation is true, that one is able to read into this material what they want, depending on their prejudices. It does amount to a selective declassification and I don't know what we can do up here. There are two questions, as to the sources. One on which the information is based and the other the source as far as the Chairman is concerned. He would make a statement like this. We of course would not do anything that would compromise your sources and do not want to do anything that would hurt you with our domestic institutions. The Chairman would not want to be a party to that. I am not asking whether we

be read into it and that could cause trouble. Fulbright has already said he is going to assert flatly on his own that some of these things are not as Laird has stated.

Mr. Maury: Our concern, our primary concern, is the protection of what are in fact quite sensitive intelligence sources and methods. You know what they are and what it would cost us..

Mr. Marcy: That is number 1.

Mr. Maury: That is the basis for our position. It would jeopardize our sources.

Mr. Marcy: You feel a statement like that would jeopardize your sources?

Mr. Maury: Yes indeed it would. I have spent some years in Soviet field and this would be most helpful to them. We see your problem and are sympathetic but this is our life's blood and we cannot be a party to putting this in the public purview.

Mr. Marcy: That is what I hoped you wouldn't say but that is why we sent the draft to you.

Mr. Maury: I notice that there is no classification on the paper. I would hope that until you resolve this problem you would handle it on a TS basis.

Mr. Marcy: Yes, we are -- we have not shown it to anyone, not even to the boss yet. We have talked over the possibility of using this as a technique. I will send it to him with a report of your comments and I am sure he will react -- he will probably want to talk with the Director. I will tell him I have just talked to you .

Mr. Maury: I am sure the Director will be happy to talk with the Chairman

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